

Fort Bliss,
7th Cavalry Post Exchange (458)
U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center
and Fort Bliss
City of El Paso
El Paso County
Texas

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Texas	COUNTY El Paso	TOWN OR VICINITY City of El Paso
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Fort Bliss, 7th Cavalry Cantonment Post Exchange		EABS NO. TX-3339-F
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Building 458		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1919-1920 Real Property Record Cards Real Property Office, Fort Bliss, Texas	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Constructing Quartermasters: Major L.D. Blauvelt; Captain Harvey R. Field, El Paso Morning Times, 12 May 1919	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This former post exchange was part of a large enlisted men's cantonment, most of which were demolished in 1934-1935. It is a rectangular building that was designed by War Department Construction Division architects during World War I.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Standard Military Construction		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Red brick masonry, concrete foundation, gable roof covered with asbestos shingles, wood frame on interior with wood roof rafters; overhanging eaves		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTED) This rectangular, one-story, building is 33' x 92'. See photo HABS No. TX-3339-6		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The brick masonry with lime cement mortar is crumbling, and the lime mortar is deteriorated.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The interior is altered. Of note are the horizontal wood sliding windows (see photo HABS No. TX-3339-70). Windows of this type are described in the War Department Manual of the Construction Division, Section C., Plate 5. They are typical windows for World War I cantonments.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES A wood frame addition was added to the northeast side in 1951. Several window are sealed with wood and painted.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The building needs major repairs. The brick masonry walls are bulging and the roof is sinking. It is used as a youth center.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The building will be demolished.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) See Jamieson, Perry D., A Survey of Fort Bliss, 1890-1940, Directorate of Facilities Engineering, Fort Bliss, Unpublished manuscript, 1980. See also Real Property Records, Buildings and Structures Card File, on file in the Real Property Office, Fort Bliss.		
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